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**Photo Attached: (From left): Donnie Mullins, Wilkinson Police Deputy Chief, Kara Harrison, Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) Community Investment & Grants Officer, Janette Young, Wilkinson Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Gibble, HCCF President**

**Caption: HCCF issues grant for new hand-held radar**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded the Town of Wilkinson Police Department a grant from the Hancock County Enrichment Endowment Fund, a component fund of HCCF. Created by HCCF, the Enrichment Fund is a comprehensive, unrestricted fund addresses a broad range of needs—including future needs that often cannot be anticipate. It helps support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in our local community.

The purpose of the \$795 grant was to provide a new Phantom Hand-held radar, replacing a 19 year old model. The Wilkinson Police Department shared that the radar is a major tool used to

keep the roads safe for everyone.

The mission of the Wilkinson Police Department is to serve and protect Wilkinson and surrounding areas. The nine-officer department is dedicated to personal, profession and vigilant pursuit of justice. Their goal is to maintain a strong sense of community with their citizens by providing the best law enforcement service possible every day.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted over \$13 million since its inception in 1992.

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